

DECLARATION  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As an undersigned inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and country of citizenship are as stated directly below my name.

I believe (check one) ☐ I am the original, first and sole inventor  
☒ I am a joint inventor and the below named inventors are the  
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of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN INFORMATION  
STORAGE ENVIRONMENTS**

the specification of which

(check one) ☒ is attached hereto.  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_,  
as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_,  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(if applicable)

I further declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "the Office") all information known to me to be material to patentability of the subject matter which is claimed as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate indicated below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)		Day/Month/Year Filed	Priority Claimed	
Number	Country		Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S. C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application listed below:

<u>Provisional Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status (patented, pending, abandoned)</u>
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